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The Examiner rejects claims 71-88 with a new prior art rejection – namely a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 utilizing Dexter combined with the new reference Toyofuku.

Applicants have amended their independent claims 71 and 80 for clarity to indicate that the at least one part which is selected and then rasterized in the second raster process is also known as a sub-region of the at least one region rasterized in the first raster process. The Substitute Specification describes such a sub-region at page 9, line 22 and also at page 13, lines 18 and 24. The sub-region is the selected part of the region as indicated at Substitute Specification page 9, lines 16-18. Thus this amendment does not narrow the claims but clarifies them.

Claim 1 readily distinguishes over Dexter combined with Toyofuku for the following reasons. Claim 71 recites in the first raster process rasterizing at least the print data of the at least one region of the print data stream by use of said first object property, displaying the rasterized print data, selecting at least one part which is a sub-region of the at least one region of the print data stream, associating at least one second object property differing from the first object property with the selected at least one part of the at least one region of the print data stream and processing the print data of the sub-region selected part of the at least one region by rasterizing the print data of the selected part of the print data stream in a second raster process dependent on both the first and the second object properties. The Examiner cites paragraph 37 of Dexter when a scanned image is displayed and the user defines at least one region on the displayed scanned image by selecting with a button a region and then chooses a region type that specifies the selected region. The region type

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could be text or a photo. The Examiner also cites paragraph 0044 as teaching that a user can send one or more scanned images. From these disclosures the Examiner concludes at page 3 of the Office Action that Dexter teaches a first page is rasterized with a first object property and then a second page is rasterized with a second object property. However this is contrary to the language of claim 71. Claim 71 recites for the second rasterizing selecting <u>at least one part which is a sub-region of the at least one region</u> which was the subject of the first rasterizing. Dexter differs since his first page is rasterized using a first object and <u>a separate second page</u> is rasterized using a second object. But the second page <u>is not a sub-region of the selected region</u> for the first rasterizing as recited in claim 71. Also claim 71 recites that the sub-region selected part is rasterized in the second raster process <u>dependent on both the first and the second object properties</u>. That is not the case in Dexter where his first page is rasterized according to a first object property and the second page is rasterized according to a second object property. Thus the second rasterizing of the second page is not dependent on <u>both the first and the second object properties</u>. Claim 71 thus readily distinguishes in two separate ways.

The secondary reference Toyofuku is only cited at the last line on page 5 of the Office Action for disclosing displaying rasterized print data and does not satisfy the deficiencies pointed out above in Dexter.

Dependent claims 72-79 distinguish at least for the reasons noted with respect to claim 71 and also by reciting additional features now suggested.
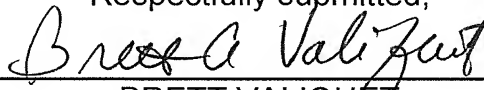
Independent claim 80 distinguishes in a manner similar to claim 71 by also reciting for the second rasterizing selecting at least one part which is a sub-region of the selected region for the first rasterizing. And although Dexter rasterizes a second

page with a second object property that second page is not a sub-region of the selected region for the first rasterizing.

Dependent claims 81-88 distinguish at least for the reasons noted with respect to claim 80 and also by reciting additional features not suggested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519.

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